

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2 line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

However, such units typically do not have the power and suction of a conventional vacuum cleaner. Furthermore, if rechargeable, they typically have short cycle times such that when power runs low, they must be recharged before vacuuming can continue. Moreover, there is no convenient storage for such devices; they often rattle around the vehicle and end up in the trunk or elsewhere outside the ready grasp of the driver. Thus they are rarely ~~unavailable~~ available for use at the time that a spill occurs.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3 line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

For vacuums, this means that they need to be easily reachable by everyone, especially the driver and preferably by the front seat passenger as well. By attaching the vacuum to a location within arm's reach of the driver, the consumer is not required to leave their seat to locate the vacuum and initiate the cleaning process. Requiring one to leave their seat is outside of current consumer habits and rituals, and would be a critical impediment for vacuum adoption. There are many specific locations that qualify for being considered within arm's reach of the driver. Some of these are: ~~Overhead~~overhead[[,]] in the sound deadening head liner;[[.]]-~~In~~in the sides or back of either of the two front bucket seats;[[.]]-~~Under~~under or part of the rear seats;[[.]]-~~In~~in the console or dashboard;[[.]] under the front seats;[[.]]-~~In~~in the "A" or "B" pillars;[[.]] and adjacent or recessed in the floor or doors.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4 line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention provides a novel method and apparatus for vacuuming within a motor vehicle that satisfies the above described consumer rituals and behaviors.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

In the embodiments with central vacuum systems the nozzle is preferably mounted to a hose reeled into a storage space within the console,[[.]]~~In~~ in the dashboard, under or inside of the seat, under the floor, or in another convenient location. Preferably, the hose is long enough to reach to the exterior of the vehicle.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5 line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferably the vacuum comes equipped with a plurality of attachments which are designed to clean the various crevices and surfaces unique to vehicles. The attachments are stored within reach of the driver and preferably also ~~with~~ within reach of the front seat passenger.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9 line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3 illustrates an alternative embodiment of a vacuum arrangement according to the invention. Here as in subsequent embodiments, like components will bear like numerals for convenience and clarity, and features described with reference to one embodiment may be incorporated into other embodiments. In the embodiment of Fig. 3, the driver's seat 14 and the passenger seat 22 are separated by a console 24, and the console 24 has a

lid 26 that can be opened in conventional manner. Here, however, the vacuum cleaner assembly 28 is disposed on and beneath the driver's seat 14. The reel 34 is mounted beneath the driver's seat 14 and the suction nozzle 30 is mounted to the front 42 of the driver's seat for accessibility by the driver within the reach-zone ~~16~~ zone 16. The mount is preferably a snap fit or a socket that will receive and retain the suction nozzle 30. Operating switches can be located on the front 42 of the seat, or on the suction nozzle 30. The switches can also be conveniently located elsewhere in the reach zone 16, such as on the dashboard, steering wheel, console, or on the driver's door.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13 line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

To facilitate the cleaning event, various accessories can be provided as shown in Fig. 9, all within the reach zone. Here, a crevice tool 80, a brush tool 82 and a blower spout 84 are mounted to the inside of the lid of the console 24. It is possible to have the tools 80, 82, and 84 mounted to the suction nozzle 30 for ready access by the driver regardless of the position of the suction nozzle. Of course other tools commonly used in cleaning are within the scope of the invention. The nature of the vacuum assembly within the invention also contemplates using a cleaning spray, a heated cleaning solution, and wet/dry vacuum pickup. The latter is important if the system is to be used to pick up spills in addition to dirt. Figure 9 shows switches ~~37~~ 36, 38 and 40, with a power supply cable 86 extending from the electrical system of the vehicle to reel switch 36. A normally closed disconnect switch 88 is installed in the cable 86 to disconnect the power supply to switch 88 whenever the vehicle is in drive mode.